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Dan Cahill glanced over his shoulder as he and his sister made their way down the narrow street. They had only three blocks to go, and another fifteen minutes before they were supposed to meet their au pair, Nellie. It should have been easy, but nothing in the hunt for the 39 Clues ever was.

Dan used the reflection of a shop window to check behind him again. Who was following them this time? Probably not the florist placing an arrangement in the shop window. Maybe the old woman across the street? She looked harmless enough. But Dan wouldn't be surprised if she had poison darts hidden in her thick gray bun.

His older sister Amy leaned over to whisper urgently in his ear. "Do you see that guy, the one who looks like Shakespeare?"

Dan wanted to roll his eyes. Until yesterday, he wasn't 100% sure who Shakespeare was - how was he supposed to know what the dude looked like? But now was not the time to tease his sister. "You mean the guy on the bike a couple blocks back?" Dan asked.

"No!" Amy answered, walking faster now. "Brown hair. Gray jacket."

Dan looked down the street again. There was a man half a block down who didn't seem to be paying much attention to them. But as they picked up their pace, he did too.

Dan and Amy exchanged a glance. At the next intersection, they turned the corner. One second, twelve seconds, twenty seconds . . . If the man walked by, he

wasn't following them. If he turned the corner, it meant he could be a threat. There was a sudden flash of brown and gray as the man whipped his head around the corner and then ducked it back. Definitely following them. The two kids broke into a flat out run.

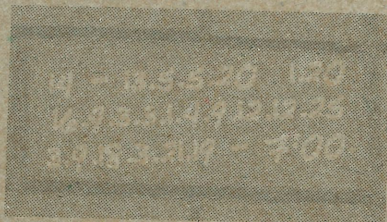
"What about Nellie?" Amy yelled.

Dan knew what they were both thinking. How could they meet Nellie at the rendezvous point now? Even as they picked up their pace, he could hear the faint slap of feet on concrete behind them.

"No way! Too dangerous!" An idea zinged through him, and he swooped down to grab a pebble off the street. "But we can leave her a message!"

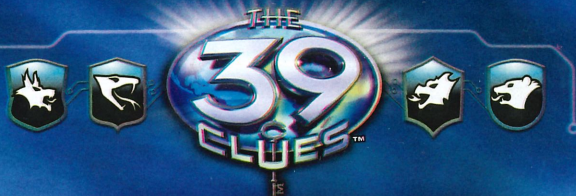
The kids streaked towards the rendezvous point, arriving only a half a block ahead of the man on their tail.

"Quick Dan!" Amy cried, as Dan scratched his code onto the London brick.



It was done. Now all they had to do was stay alive until 7:00.

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